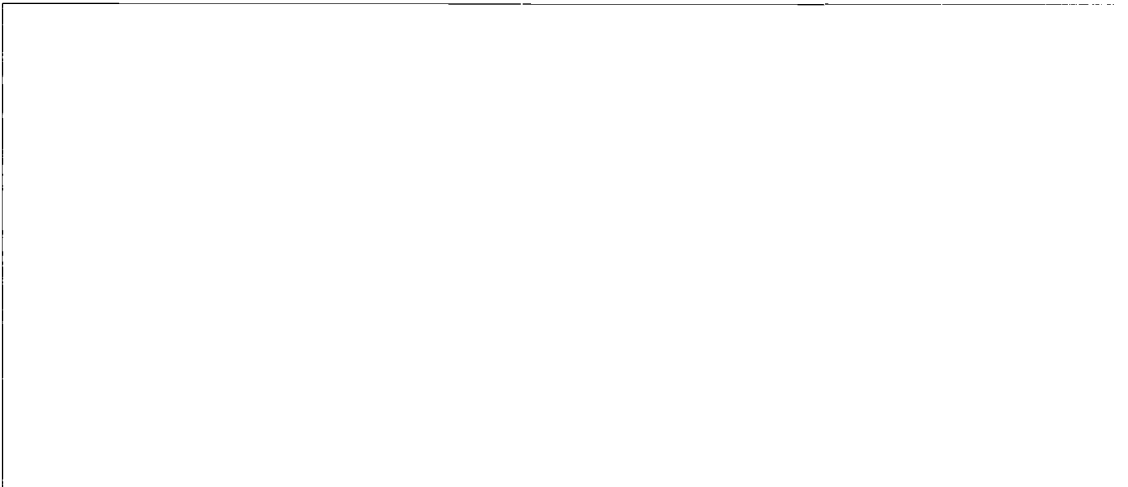


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2. Another Soviet 5th Fleet fighter regiment identified at Port Arthur: A previously unidentified fighter regiment which has been active in the Port Arthur area for some time is now believed to be subordinate to the Soviet 5th Fleet Naval Air Force. The reporting agency believes that total fighter strength in Port Arthur includes seven naval regiments, three of which are jet-equipped, and two other units, possibly under the 9th Air Army. (SUEDE Special Intelligence Brief, 52-21, 28 May 52)

Comment: Three 5th Fleet fighter regiments were shifted from Port Arthur to Antung, presumably for combat duty over Korea, in October and November. Recent voice traffic suggests that these units returned to Port Arthur before 11 May.

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3. Relief, not reinforcement, of front line units may explain Chinese army movement: Mao Tse-tung has issued instructions that the 64th and 65th Armies in Korea are to be replaced by newly-trained Chinese armies, [redacted] After the rotation is completed, a general offensive will begin. [redacted] (31 May 52)

Comment: This is the first indication that the recently-observed movement of several Chinese armies toward the front is for the purpose of relieving, and not reinforcing, the units there. Insofar as this report refers to the relief of the 64th Army, it is supported by intercepted messages. According to these messages the 40th Army, which has long had a defensive role on the Korean west coast, moved last week to the west central front and was last observed contacting the 64th Army there.

4. Chinese Communist unit in Korea continues lumbering activities: An element of the 8th Chinese Communist Artillery Division stated in a 31 May message that "we discovered more than 100 logs to add to our timber supply." The unit had cut the logs and was preparing to move them "down the mountain (for loading?)." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-3418, 1 Jun 52)

Comment: Previous intercepts have revealed that units of the CCF 40th Army, the 63rd Army and the 8th Artillery Division have engaged in extensive tree-cutting in the vicinity of Singye on the west central front. The continuing logging activity, which is presumably furnishing the Chinese Communist forces with construction material for defensive bunkers, artillery positions or supply depots, suggests a continued defensive effort.

5. Russian MIG-15's fly over Korea from Mukden: Flights of 20 and 30 MIG-15's each were scheduled from Mukden over northwest Korea on 31 May and 1 June, according to Chinese Communist flight messages. The lead pilots had Russian names. (SUEDE 6920 Security Group Johnson AB Japan, CAT-7760, DOG-647, 31 May; CAT-7831, DOG-663, 1 Jun 52)

Comment: These are the first observed flights over Korea by the Soviet MIG-15 unit at Mukden, 125 miles from the Korean border. Enemy fighter-interceptors have not previously been noted flying combat missions from a base as far from the Yalu River as Mukden.

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